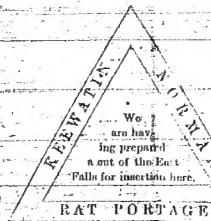


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GOOD NEWS.

At a conference of the local directors of the Reduction Works Co. on Thursday evening it was decided to go on and complete the works with the least possible delay. It is the intention to put them into actual operation by treating a hundred tons of more or less and turning out the bullion. There should be no difficulty in doing so, and the Reduction hopes to see the works in operation soon. According to the by-law the bonus will then be due, and no doubt the Town Council will gladly hand it over. Meantime the Reduction is in a position to state that the Council will hold the bonus till the conditions of the by-law are fulfilled. This state of affairs removes the danger alluded to in last week's Record. We therefore refrain from further comment at present.

Messrs. Linn and Larkin have gone to Winnipeg and St. Paul for the purpose of concluding arrangements for completing and stocking the Reduction Works ready for operation.

MISUNDERSTOOD.

There seems to be one point in connection with the lease of the islands of the Lake of the Woods to the Kewatin Lumber Co., which has been generally misunderstood. The right to exclusive possession of the lands and the power to prevent trespass was nothing more than the fixed policy of the Government at the time the lease was granted. The idea was to prevent the destruction of timber by keeping others than the lessees or their employees from entering on the lands and taking timber or starting bush fires in any way. That the policy was not a good one has been amply demonstrated. It has been generally supposed that those features of the lease were special favors obtained by political influence. Hence the disfavor with which it was regarded. It remains to be seen whether the new arrangements made between the Co. and the Government will be carried out to the letter, and the development of valuable privileges and the establishment of industries brought about to the general advantage of the present nucleus of the future city that will, ere many years, be continuous from the eastern boundary of Rat Portage to the western boundary of Kewatin.

We have received from the Department of Agriculture and Immigration of Manitoba their latest map for general distribution. It is very convenient in size, has all new and projected lines of railways, with all new stations, and is very complete in every respect.

The first new gun offered in Winnipeg near this shop was a load of barley which was brought in Thursday of last week. It was of fine quality, and the grower claimed the crop would yield him about 60 bushels per acre.

OUTRAGEOUSLY FALSE.

A dispatch from Duluth reads as follows:

It will be remembered that some time ago there was considerable stir over alleged stealing of American lumber at the tributaries of the Rainy River, south of the international boundary. The government sent two investigation expeditions from Washington along the Big Fork rivers to Rainy Lake and vice versa. As a result of these expeditions it has now been decided by the Interior Department to establish a permanent government post on Rainy Lake and two officers of the department are now here to select a location and put up the needed buildings. The post will be located near Lake Francis, about 150 miles north-west of Duluth, and will be for the purpose of watching timber stealers from the Canadian side. Fully 200,000,000 feet of timber have been stolen there in the past three years.

The above dispatch appeared in the Winnipeg Free Press and other papers. The editor of THE RECORD has made diligent enquiry as to the truth of the statement with reference to timber stealing, and finds it outrageously false. The mills at Rat Portage and Rainy river points have bought and paid for all the timber they have used. A gentleman in the lumber business here for the last twelve years says that there have been some small stealings by parties outside the lumber business, but he thinks that if every log and pole taken during the whole of that time could be measured, the total would not exceed a million and a half feet. No doubt the unscrupulous circulator of these reports, which have appeared periodically for the past three years, is seeking a fat office from the United States Government, and is trying to show the necessity for such office by libelling Canadians with unfounded charges.

NOT QUITE CORRECT.

The Winnipeg Free Press says: "It is said that some of the C.P.R. train men running between Winnipeg and Rat Portage are compelled to pay a poll tax by the Ontario authorities. It is also stated that a man is found fishing with a hook and line in the Lake of the Woods has been charged a dollar. When the Ontario Ministers were at Rat Portage a couple of weeks ago they gave instructions not to collect the fishing tax, because the fish caught there by hooks are not worth a dollar a fish."

It does seem a hardship that a railroad man running in to Rat Portage, with his residence and paying his tax in another province, should be compelled to pay poll tax here because he is liable to stay over a day or two at a hotel or boarding house, on account of the nature of his work. If what some of the men say is correct there certainly has been injustice. But the Free Press is decidedly wrong in saying that the fish caught here with hooks are not worth a dollar a fish. The said Fish Co. consider these very fish worth shipping hundreds of miles in refrigerators. If the Gov. were allowed to catch fish here they would consider them worth five cents per pound. If the Free Press "load" were a wheelbarrow load it would be worth more than a dollar wholesale, or if a wagon load say weighing a ton, the load would be worth \$100, and a carload three times that much. The Free Press should be a little more careful how it libels our fish. It is doubtful if the reporter that wrote that paragraph could choke on a bone from a muddy Red River fish.

If you are not understanding the advertisement in THE RECORD, it is time to do so.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(We assume responsibility for the opinions or statements of correspondents.)

To the Editor of THE RECORD.

Sir.—The editor of the Rat Portage News was evidently inspired when he labored to bring forth the editorial which appeared in this week's issue. (I would like you to write inspired in italics in the past sentence.) Mr. Linn and Mr. Larkin may be very responsible men, and no doubt very nice men to have around, but the citizens would like to have them invest some of their wealth in this district before they ask the council to hand over our debentures to the sum of \$10,000, on the strength of the letter which they have filed with the council.

Now, I am informed by a stockholder and a prominent citizen that the board of directors have no intention of going security for Mr. Linn's acts as a contractor, and that it was not their intention to have a letter written as was Mr. Linn's. Stockholders' opinion I am satisfied is correct, for had men of the business standing that the directors are wanted the town to hand over the bonus they would have insisted on Mr. Linn as contractor assigning a sufficient amount of stock as collateral either to the corporation or to the town in trust. Your contemporary would have the council hand over the bonus to save the expense of having an expert certify that the works are complete. When Mr. Powers was asked by the directors to certify that the works were completed he replied: "Gentlemen, the works are not completed, and I have never said so." If the council and the inspired editor want any more evidence, let them go to Mr. Dubois, owner of the Rat Portage mine, who remained here six weeks, being promised from day to day that the works would be ready to treat the sixty tons of concentrates which he had brought in, and then went away disgusted, thinking life was too short. I as a ratepayer feel deeply grateful to Councillor Campbell, for the way in which he is guarding the interests of the municipality, and hope you, as editor of a live paper, will interest yourself, and keep the ratepayers posted as to what is being done, for if we cannot make an address of the reduction works it will be a great loss to our town. Let the management put through a hundred tons of ore and demonstrate to the council and a few leading men of the town that the works are successful and properly equipped, and they will create a confidence in their management and ability that does not exist now to the extent that it did.

Yours, etc.,
A Ratepayer and a Stockholder, who has more interest in seeing the works successful than in lining the pockets of Mr. Powers or Mr. Linn.

Messrs. Butler & Holland are erecting a new store at Fort Francis.

—Mr. G. D. Stinson, of Fort Francis, writes in reference to a paragraph that appeared in a late issue of THE RECORD, and says: "That he has no agent or agents working for him, and that he does not and did not sell any liquor to any Indian, directly or indirectly, and that the charge against him was maliciously made."

The Anti-Slavery Society, the apparent object, to reduce the number of members, owing to the altered conditions in the maritime provinces, allow by the census returns, destroy the theory that the Government will redistribute and resort to dissolution with a view to regaining lost ground. It adds that the Government would allow more territory by redistribution and dissolution that it stands to lose through the bye elections.

HORRIBLE MANGLED.

Early on Saturday morning, last, a telegram was received in Rat Portage as follows:

The remains of one unknown man badly mangled and strewn about the track found at Osterland this morning, supposed to have been run over during night. Please notify coroner or take whatever steps may be deemed necessary.

The coroner was notified, and C. H. stable Kinnison, about 8 a.m., took a freight train for Osterland, which is the first station west of Kewatin, the scene of the accident. Scattered along the line for some yards, were to be found portions of a man's body and clothing, very badly mangled, the legs scattered below the line, one thigh bone separate, the right arm separated from the body and the head severed from the trunk. The lower jaw was separate from the neck, and the scalp from the back of the neck to the forehead torn over. The clothing was all torn, the trunk or body being mangled, and only a portion of the pants around his ankles being left.

The remains were collected and put into a box and taken to Kewatin where the coroner had gone. As money was found in one of the pockets and scattered along the line, it was concluded that death was due to an accident and was not murder, and the coroner did not deem an inquest necessary. He had the remains brought here and handed them over to Mr. Barnes who had them placed in a coffin and buried.

The dead man is supposed to be from Boston, and named Patrick Welsh, the name is taken from a bank book which was found on his person. The description of the man, as nearly as can be got, is as follows: Rather slim, would be about 5 feet 7 inches, black hair, full whiskers and beard black, brown eyes, nose sharp, complexion not dark, rather inclined to fair. On one finger was found a gold ring with the name Catherine Welsh engraved on it. He wore a wrist watch and watch chain, and in a pocket a pocket razor and knife, about \$251.00 in American bills was found, some of these scattered around, one being a \$5.00 note cut in two by the passing train, with a savings bank book on a Boston bank showed that he had a sum of \$368. to his credit. A sum of \$800 had been withdrawn a month ago, on 22nd July. The coroner, George Lyon, has written the bank officials as to the finding of the remains and the probable cause of the accident. The particulars are as follows: The conductor of No. 1 train going to Winnipeg Saturday morning noticed part of the remains and at once wired Winnipeg headquarters of the fact. At Osterland there is no night operator, but the day operator and section men on coming on duty about the time of No. 1 passing had also noticed the remains. The train had apparently been having a bunch of benches and chairs as an examination of the place clearly showed where he had been sitting and it is supposed he had fallen up and got into the way of a train going east, most probably No. 2 on Friday night, and the body carried a distance of fully 200 yards, and then a train coming westwards had carried the body westwards, and further trains, including the morning passenger No. 1, had done their share with the result above stated. Blood is scattered along the line at the station on both sides of the switches, showing how the body must have been tossed about. Possibly the man may have been attempting to get on a passing train when the accident happened; and fallen, but the more probable supposition is that the man had been trying to get out of the way of the train. At Osterland there is no depot, only a section house, and there the switch or siding is next to the section house and the man having been sitting on the siding, hearing the train coming and most probably somewhat dazed by the headlight, imagined he was getting out of the way and was stepping on the side track stepped on to the main line.

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address; he must have called there. Mr. Blinn recalls someone asking for cheese and biscuits on Friday. He supplied the biscuits, but the cheese must have been got at one of the stores. The man tendered a \$10 bill in payment. He is supposed then to have gone towards the depot, and taken the track and walked to where his remains were found. —Free Press.

SPECIAL FLYER.

The C. P. R. "flying special" arrived at Winnipeg on Monday morning at eight o'clock and left again at nine. It reached Rat Portage at 12.15, making the run in 5 hours and 15 minutes including stoppages. Mr. L. A. Hamilton, C. P. R. mail and passenger, came from Banff on the train and enjoyed the fastest railroad ride of his life. The run from Banff to Winnipeg, a distance of 290 miles, was made in 29 hours, including stops, making an average of 40 miles an hour. The run from Winnipeg to Glenora, 125 miles, was made in 2 hours and 25 minutes, and from Glenora to Medicine Hat, 125 miles, in 2 hours and 25 minutes, including stops. At times a rate of seventy miles an hour was attained, and 60 and 60 miles an hour was quite frequent. Mr. Hamilton says that the sensation of going 70 miles an hour was not unlike driving a car that experienced at a 35 or 40 mile an hour rate, excepting when a sharp curve was encountered, then he instinctively braced himself for a moment. The regular express, which arrived here at 3.35 a.m. left Vancouver twenty-four hours ahead of the flyer, so that it was beaten by thirty-two and a half hours, just about half the regular running time. The special will go direct to New York by way of Prescott, and will not touch at Montreal. The mails will catch the White Star line steamer leaving on Wednesday or a Canadian liner leaving on Thursday. The only through passenger on the train was a German merchant who has to be back in the Orient by November.

The mails from China and Japan, which left Yokohama Aug. 13th, on the Canadian Pacific Railway Company's steamer "Empress of Japan," which arrived at Vancouver, B.C., Aug. 29, were carried across the American continent by a special train in the short time of 86 hours, reached the New York depot at 4 a.m. Wednesday, were immediately transferred to wagons in waiting, driven rapidly to the Hudson dock, where they were placed on board the steamship "City of New York," which sailed at 5 a.m. for Queenstown. The City of New York is due to arrive in Queenstown next Wednesday, the 9th inst., so that, barring accidents, the mails can be delivered in London that night, or at latest Thursday morning, thus making the whole time under 21 days, a feat unparalleled in the history of the postoffice.

RAINY RIVER RIPPLES.

Mr. N. Mosher has up all the frame of his new sawmill and is putting in the machinery.

The court of revision for the assessment roll for the municipality of Alberton will be held on the 10th inst.

Mr. J. A. Tierney has twenty men at work on the Government road about four miles down from Fort Francis.

A gang of about twenty men under Mr. Alex. Intirell are working on the Grassy river road just below the Long Sault.

Mr. G. Scott has built a new sidewalk and steps down to the river dock, which makes it very convenient.

Any Rainy river farmer desiring to do so may send THE RECORD four bushels of potatoes, and he will receive the paper up to Dec. 31, 1892.

Mr. G. D. Stinson has nearly finished his new hotel at Fort Francis. It is 46 feet wide, 66 feet long, and is three stories in height. It contains 50 rooms and will be a very complete and comfortable hotel.

RAT PORTAGE.

"The Saratoga of the West."

TOWN TOPICS.

—Work has been commenced on the marine slip which will be constructed by Mr. G. P. Phillips near his machine shop at the foot of Matheson street.

—An industry that could be profitably established here on account of suitable material going to waste, is a match factory. Will not some one act on the suggestion and take hold of it?

—Mr. Richard Waugh, of the Northwest Farmer, of Winnipeg, was here this week getting samples of our products for the great exhibition to be held in Winnipeg, beginning on the 28th inst.

—Knox church Sunday services will be at 11 and 19 o'clock. The pastor, Rev. R. Nairn, B.A., will preach morning and evening. The subject for the evening will be "Remember Lot's wife."

—Several houses are being added to those already erected on the Chadwick addition to the town. With cheap lots and plenty of lumber there should be an inducement to build in Rosshallbrown.

—The Lake of the Woods Lumbermen's Association held their regular monthly meeting last week. Besides other business, arrangements were concluded with reference to the marine slip to be constructed by Mr. G. P. Phillips.

—Next Sunday evening there will be a musical service in St. Alban's church, when the choir will render Chappell's arrangement of the anthem "The Lord is King," and Mrs. Barclay will sing the solo "Hail and Naomi" during the offertory.

—The special C.P.R. flyer, carrying the mails from Japan, made the run from Winnipeg to Rat Portage in four hours and two minutes. Engineer G. Spomer brought in the train, and Engineer J. Daley took it out. Conductor O. W. Bontor directed it through from Winnipeg to Port Arthur.

—Work is progressing rapidly on the new street being opened along the lake shore from Matheson street towards the southeastern part of the town. The bridge across Lawrence's creek is completed and the approaches are being made. When completed, wholly outside of the railway spur track it will be a great convenience.

—Though the blueberries were a short crop this season, 103,000 pounds have been shipped to western points by the following firms: Messrs. Baker & Co., 15,000 pounds; Messrs. John Gardner & Co., 28,000 pounds; the Hudson's Bay Co., 2,000 pounds; Mr. P. U. Haribau, 40,000 pounds; Mr. A. S. Horwill, 8,000 pounds; Mr. A. Gibson, 10,000 pounds. On an average four cents per pound were paid for the berries, which would in round numbers amount to \$4,120.

—A few evenings ago as two ladies were returning early from the business part of the town to our southeast suburb they were followed by a man from a Matheson street hotel. When just the light at the Western mill he became so bold and insulting that they had to run to get away from him and reach their homes in safety. There should be two more electric light clusters in that part of the town. They pay there \$1000 a year in taxes and should have the protection offered by the lights.

—Mr. George Drewry, one of our enterprising citizens, has decided upon the erection of a solid stone and brick hotel on the east side of Main street, a short distance north of "The Hub." It will be three stories high with a basement the full size of the building which will be 50 feet wide by 90 feet long. The second story will be fitted up for a public hall. The whole will be heated by hot water. The building is expected to be ready for occupation by the 15th day of November. The work of excavating has already been commenced. See his advertisement asking for tenders.

—Pequona Masonic Lodge held a regular communication on Wednesday evening.

—The Foresters will hold an "At Home" in the Music Hall next Thursday evening.

—The total taxation for this municipality for this year will be \$188 on the dollar.

—The new town dock at the foot of Fort street has been completed. It is forty feet wide.

—Mr. R. Baker has moved his grocery business across Main street to the Henning block.

—The steamer Algoma came in on Tuesday with a million feet of logs for Messrs. Ross, Hall & Brown.

—The steamer Shamrock left on Wednesday for Fort Francis and Rainy river points with passengers.

—The steamer Chiefain left on Tuesday with the mails, passengers and freight for Rainy river on Tuesday.

—The cellar is being excavated for a new house for Mr. G. P. Phillips on the corner of Matheson and First streets.

—The Epworth League meeting was held this week on Tuesday evening. It was the monthly business meeting. The subject next Monday evening will be "God with us."

—The steamer Highland Maid arrived from Fort Francis Thursday. The following were passengers: Messrs. J. Boyd, Baron, P. Roberts, L. F. Slack, H. E. Fenske, J. Kindburg, and Miss Mosier.

—Mrs. Rooks, mother of Mrs. Wm. Johnston, on Tuesday evening fell down stairs and fractured her collar bone. Dr. Scovill is attending her. She is an elderly lady and the shock on her system was severe. Mr. and Mrs. Johnston are east for a holiday trip, and have been telegraphed for.

—Mr. Jacob Hesse the owner of the Music Hall having received an offer from Mr. H. Elliott for a permanent tenancy for the premises, has decided to convert it into two business places. The front will be extended even with the street line and a new glass front put in, and a portion of it partitioned off for a shooting gallery. The balance will be occupied as a furniture warehouse.

—Mr. W. A. Wier, arrived here on Sunday last from Fergus, Ont., to take the management of the Rat Portage branch of the Imperial Bank. Before leaving Fergus he was presented with an address and a handsome gold watch by personal friends. Acting manager Bell has returned to Winnipeg. Mr. Moffat of Winnipeg was here on Thursday to introduce and install Mr. Wier in his new position.

—On Monday last when the gentlemen of the town heard that the Music Hall was to be converted into stores they determined to have one more dance in it, and therefore issued invitations for Wednesday evening. There was an attendance which may be called large, but did not over crowd the spacious room. Those who attended are enthusiastic in praise of the affair from every point of view, not too many, select company, good music, sociability, and in fact every thing recherche, pleasant and agreeable.

—Last spring the hawkers and peddlars by-law of the municipality was put to a test by Messrs. C. C. Rance M. Nicholson, merchant tailors of this town, against Messrs. N. N. Cole & Co. in the same line in Winnipeg. This week the representative of that firm contributed \$30 license to our municipal treasury for the privilege of doing business here. We are pleased to see the by-law upheld. It was passed for the protection of our home establishments, which pay local taxes and expend their money in town. It will now be in order for those in other lines to follow suit or pay their respects to the presiding judge at the court house.

—Mrs. Traynor, of Port Arthur, has taken the store in the Oliver block, formerly occupied by E. C. Mills, jeweller, and will shortly open up a new millinery store.

—Mr. H. E. Fenske came in from the lake on Thursday. He is establishing a fishery southwest of the mouth of Rainy river. A carload of outfit was unloaded here for him yesterday, and has been shipped to the fishery.

—Messrs. Jas. Robertson & Co., general hardware merchants, have taken over the Standard Oil Co.'s business lately carried on by Mr. J. Hone. They also have in stock the Imperial Oil Co.'s machine and lighting oils.

—Mr. P. H. Clark, the clerk of Division court, here, returned on Saturday night last from a trip east. He attended the Grand Lodge meeting of Oddfellows at Stratford, and was elected District Deputy Grand Master for this district. There were 317 present at the Grand Lodge, probably the largest meeting of the kind ever held in Canada. Mr. John Benchly the other delegate from "Gold Hill" Lodge returned about a fortnight ago.

—The Oddfellows have instructed the building committee to proceed with arrangements for the erection of an imposing building on the corner of Matheson and Fort streets. It will have a frontage of fifty feet on Matheson street and one hundred on Fort street. There will be a basement of stone the full size of the building, public hall on the ground floor, and lodge room, dining room, kitchen, ante-rooms etc., in the second floor. The seating capacity of the public hall will be 500.

—"The Little World" is now on exhibition in the Music hall. It is a mechanical wonder well worth seeing, especially as the admission is only ten cents. Space forbids us enumerating "The Little World." It comprises no less than sixty-five representatives of almost every mechanical movement that could be thought of. A small and perfect engine under the table appears to run the whole which is situated on a table, and consists of a combination of ingenious devices representing little men and women busy at various industries and perfect working models, all kept in motion by unseen machinery. The inventor and maker, Mr. W. H. Robertson, cheerfully answers questions. See it before it leaves as its stay is short.

Personal Paragraphs.

—Dr. Hanson is away on a visit to Lac Seul.

—Mr. C. E. Neuls has taken up housekeeping.

—Mr. J. A. Morrish, of Virden, and bride are spending their honeymoon here.

—Conductor W. G. Thompson and wife left on Wednesday last for a trip to Windsor, Ont.

—Mrs. A. J. Boveridge, of Andover, N. B., mother of Mr. B. P. Murphy, our genial livery man, arrived here yesterday on a visit to her son.

—Mr. W. R. Campbell, of the county of Wentworth, passed through here on his way to Rainy river to look over the country with a view of settling.

—Mrs. T. Rance, mother of Mr. G. C. Rance, merchant tailor, and her son, who have been here on a visit, left on Wednesday for their home, Clinton, Ont. They go by the lake.

—Mr. H. Marland, one of the Lockington colonists of Rainy river met his intended bride here on Tuesday. They were married here and then went to Rainy river by the steamer Shamrock.

—Mr. W. H. McKay has returned from his two months' trip east, looking well, invigorated after his holiday. He visited Toronto, Buffalo, East Saginaw, and his old home Woodstock, but absent.

—Mr. T. P. Miller, manufacturer of the celebrated Pamong Cheese, of Woodstock, Ont., has been on a trip to the Pacific coast. He stopped over here for a day this week to visit his old friend, Mr. O. W. Chadwick.

KEEP YOUR EYE

On This Space in the Future, and see what

C. C. Rance

Will have to say about CLOTHING, HATS and FURNISHINGS.

In the meantime just drop in and ask to see our

GREAT CHICAGO OR COAT SHIRT

The only Common Sense Shirt in the market to-day.

C. C. RANCE,

Merchant Tailor, Hatter and Furnisher.

HILLIARD HOUSE BLOCK,

Main St., Rat Portage.

—Mr. J. A. Cameron, Assistant Superintendent of the C. P. R. was here on Tuesday on a tour of inspection.

—Conductor F. Everett, left yesterday for a two months' trip east. He will visit friends at Fredericton, St. John's, N.B., and other points.

—At the meeting of the town council on Saturday evening last when the question of bonus to the reduction works came up Councillor Campbell fired a volley of questions and then silence reigned supreme. The creaking of the springs of the mayor's chair could be painfully heard, varied by the noise of the News reporter tapping a cigar on the heel of his boot and THE RECORD representative sharpening a pencil. The Free Press correspondent's smile wavered between complacency and incredulity. The spell was suddenly broken by a motion to adjourn.

TOWN COUNCIL.

Rat Portage Council met on the 26th ult. Present: Reeve Young, in the chair; Councillors Nash, Rudeout and Campbell.

The report of the Finance Committee on accounts was received and adopted.

The report of the Finance Committee as to the Taxation of the Municipality for the year 1891 was received and adopted. It is as follows: The Finance Committee beg to report that they have carefully considered the estimates, and what amount of money will be required to be raised by taxation for the year 1891, and after mature deliberation submit the following report, viz:

Your Committee wish to draw the attention of the Council to the fact that the total amount of the Assessment Roll as confirmed by the Council of Revision on the 16th June, 1891, is \$307,410, and your Committee, for the information of the Council, annex a statement of the amount of the assessment roll, with a statement of the reductions, as provided by Chap. 62, 50 Vict. and also under by-law No. 51 of the Municipality.

The Council also require to provide for the payment of the principal and interest under by-laws Nos. 25, 41, 45, 66, 67 and 74, and your Committee submit the following statement of the amounts to be raised by taxation in the Municipality, for the approval of the Council.

Your Committee beg to draw the attention of the Council to the fact that an assessment has been levied for the payment of principal and interest under by-law number 66, and known as the Reduction Works By-Law.

Separate Schools, for 1891. \$115,000, rate five and three tenths mills.

By-law No. 25, amount of assessment, \$807,410; less one half Norman, \$53,930, \$753,480, rate seven tenths of a mill.

By-law No. 41, \$4800, required \$4,944; \$603,000, rate eight tenths of a mill.

By-law No. 45, \$3,000, required, \$810.10, \$603,000, rate five tenths of a mill.

By-law No. 66, \$10,000, required \$872, \$603,000, rate one and four tenths of a mill.

By-law No. 67, \$15,000, required \$1,308, \$603,000, rate two mills.

By-law No. 74, \$5,000, required \$486, \$601,510, rate seven tenths of a mill.

The latter assessment is only paid by public school supporters. The total taxation for the year 1891 for all purposes, will be eighteen and eight tenths mills on the dollar. Your committee are pleased to state the municipal rate of taxation for the present year is the lowest that has been fixed since the Municipality has been incorporated, and as property is improving in value, the rate of taxation will decrease yearly.

In conclusion your Committee congratulate the Council and ratepayers on the rate of taxation as fixed for the year 1891, and hope that the same will meet with the approval of the Council.

The following accounts were received and referred to the Finance Committee: Mr. J. B. Davies, 3.50; Mr. James Green, 5.

Communications were received from Mr. Alex. Matheson, notifying the Council that the municipality would be held responsible for damage in connection with the removal of a horse on Water street.

From W. D. Lyon, Esq., S.M., notifying the Council of the visit of the Government Veterinary Surgeon, Mr. R. Dumbur, for the examination of horses.

From the Lake of the Woods Gold and Silver Reduction Works Co., in reference to bonuses.

A by-law levying rates of taxation was read three several times and passed.

Orders on the treasurer were issued as follows: The Electric Light, Telephone and Power Co., \$118.00; Messrs. James Robertson & Co., \$2.54; Mr. W. K. Gerrie, \$5.00; Mr. R. A. Dusen, \$4.00; Ym. A. Dumbur, Y.S.S., \$3.33, for examination of horses reported to have glanders; Mr. W. K. Gerrie, \$50.00, part payment on his contract for dock and bridges.

The question of the bonus to the Reduction Works then came up, and after a good deal of silence and some desultory discussion, there was a motion to adjourn, which was precipitately carried.

BIRTHS.

Parents: At Rat Portage, Aug. 21st, the wife of Mr. A. J. Parsons, P.M., of a son.

DIED.

McKay. On the 26th inst., at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. S. Flinck, 810 Prince St., Winnipeg, George, beloved wife of Mr. William McKay, of Rainy river, aged 65 years.

Based on Pacific standard time